

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 are currently pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kikinis* (U.S. 6,243,596) in view of *Tsukamoto et al.* (U.S. 5,005,013) and further in view of *Lagoni et al.* (U.S. 6,141,058) and further in view of *Porco* (U.S. 4,873,712), and Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kikinis* in view of *Tsukamoto* and further in view of *Lagoni* and further in view of *Porco*, and further in view of *Hofmann et al.* (U.S. 4,427,847).

As indicated above, independent Claim 1 was rejected as being unpatentable over the combination of *Kikinis*, *Tsukamoto*, *Lagoni*, and *Porco*. In the rejection, the Examiner cites *Lagoni* as teaching that the system automatically switches from TV mode to phone mode when a call is answered. However, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect.

More specifically, in *Lagoni*, the caller-ID of an incoming call is displayed on a portion of the TV screen, while a viewer is watching TV. This process is illustrated in FIG. 4 of *Lagoni*. Therefore, when a call is incoming and a viewer is watching TV, both a TV mode and a caller ID mode (phone mode) are operational, and there is not a switching between the two modes. Instead, the TV mode remains operational at all times. That is, the caller ID mode is powered on and off concurrently with the TV mode's continuous operation.

Further, in FIG. 5 of *Lagoni*, the TV mode is not switched to a phone mode when the call is

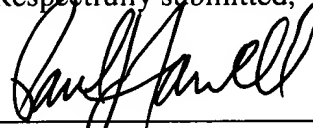
answered, as is asserted by the Examiner. Rather, the TV mode continues to operate without the caller ID being displayed (the phone mode is powered-off) after the call is answered. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect in asserting that *Lagoni* teaches that the system automatically switches from the TV mode to the phone mode when the call is answered. That is, it is respectfully submitted that the system in *Lagoni* never switches from one mode to another, but instead, activates the caller ID (phone mode) with the TV mode when a call is being received.

Further, as the caller ID is a visual indicator, there would be no reason in *Lagoni* to power off the sound or video of the TV when the caller ID is received, as is required in the present application, so that a user can talk on the phone without the TV interfering with the user's conversation. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect in rejecting Claim 1 as being unpatentable over *Kikinis* in view of *Tsukamoto* and further in view of *Lagoni* and further in view of *Porco*, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 1 be withdrawn.

Without considering the patentability of dependent Claims 2-7, we believe that these claims are patentable over *Kikinis* in view of *Tsukamoto* and further in view of *Lagoni* and further in view of *Porco* and further in view of *Hofmann*, as being dependent upon Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the pending claims, i.e., Claims 1-7, is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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